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## GENERAL PROSPECT FOR PLENTY OF WATER

### Immense Snow Banks in the Mountain Regions Insure Good Supply.

Much of the heavy snowfall of December had disappeared at the close of January, but the stormy weather during February increased the depths until at the end of the month the snow on the ground was about equal to that reported on December 31st.

As compared with conditions on the 8th of February in other years the actual depths and water content of the snow this year are much above the average in the east central counties and near the average in other districts. On the central and eastern mountain ranges the snow line is about the 6,000 foot level, the snow increasing to 48 inches at about 9,000 feet elevation in the Mogollon Ranges, and the White and Blue Mountains, and to more than 70 inches near the summit of the Sierra Ancha and Graham Mountains.

Over the upper reaches of the Verde watershed considerable snow remains on northerly slopes while southerly slopes are bare. In the plateau region of the northern part of the state very little snow remains, but prospects for range water were exceptionally good. In the Gila basin the ground is bare, except in the higher mountains which contain a good depth of snow.

The snow in the Sierra Ancha and White Mountains, Salt watershed, is reported to be unusually solid. The mountain snowfall observer at Carr's ranch stated that he was unable to reach the bottom in places, partly on account of the compactness of the snow, which he described as being practically solid ice, and partly on account of the drifts which were estimated to be fifteen feet deep.

The Forest Ranger at Eagar ranger station reported that on account of the heavy depths it was impossible to obtain accurate measurements in the White Mountains but that on the headwaters of all tributaries of the White and Black rivers the snow was in excess of 48 inches.

The persistent cold during the winter has retarded stream flow to a considerable extent, and as a result the gain in storage water has been comparatively small. Whether there will be an adequate supply of water for all purposes will depend largely on the disposition of the snow. Under the influence of warm rains the snow would melt rapidly, filling the streams and in turn the reservoirs to storage capacity. But, however, on the other hand, should the cold weather of the winter continue late into the spring and the snow melt slowly, much of the water would be lost through evaporation and by being absorbed by the soil.

It is believed that with normal spring conditions the abundance of compact snow in the mountains containing the sources of the streams tributary to the Roosevelt Reservoir will play such an important part in the coming spring run-off that it is reasonably safe to predict that at least an average amount of storage water will result.

E. H. F.  
Weather Bureau Office, Phoenix, Arizona, March 18, 1919.

### BARRETT, BAD CHECK MAN, TAKEN BACK TO KANSAS.

Bert Barrett, alias Frank Wright, the young man who blew into Flagstaff a couple of weeks ago with a woman and child and registered at the Commercial, claiming the woman as his wife, then proceeded to float as many bad checks as he could get people to accept, was carted back to his old stamping grounds at Winfield, Kansas, by Sheriff Day. It seems that Barrett had deserted his wife and children back there and was wanted for other reasons by the officers of that county.

The woman he was with left the same day he was arrested for California, and it is said that he had become acquainted with her on the train on his way west.

His stories were so woolly and disconnected that it was difficult to tell just what all he was wanted for.

### LIVE STOCK AND RANGES IN ARIZONA.

Higher temperatures during the week, both day and night, made the season's advance quite apparent. Accumulation of snow from early storms settled decidedly or disappeared altogether. The storm that prevailed in parts of the state Thursday and Friday contributed materially to the moisture content of the soil and was particularly beneficial to winter annuals on the desert. In the northern counties feeding was carried on to a great extent where feed was available and where herds could be reached. The week's report show that conditions are improving in the vicinity of Quartzite, Yuma county, and about Nogales. Monday morning most of the range country of western New Mexico was partly covered with snow and three inches covered the ground at Pinedale and about the Grand Canyon, and six inches were reported at Williams. The observer at Thatcher estimates the depth of the snow on Graham mountains as being five and a half feet.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Campbell at their home on West Aspen avenue last Tuesday, a baby girl. She has been given the name of Martha Avo.

Assistant County Attorney George Harbin and Wm. Hicklin, were in Williams Wednesday on official business.

### WILL START WORK EARLY IN MAY.

It is hoped to get the work on the sewer extension system started during the first half of the month of May. It should be completed in about 100 or 110 days from the time the first earth is turned. While not definitely settled, it is likely that the city council will advertise for bids on the work as a whole and let the entire job to one contractor. If such is their decision, bids will be advertised for at once and the work let as soon as legal requirements permit. The fact that the city already has on hand a portion of the funds does away with the delay that would otherwise result from having to wait until the new bonds were disposed of.

## STEPHENS GRANTED CHANGE OF VENUE

The second trial of Harry E. Stephens will take place in the Superior Court of Coconino county, State of Arizona.

Late last Thursday afternoon Judge J. J. Sweeney read an order in the Stephens case, granting a change of venue to the nearby county, in compliance with a petition argued and entered recently by O'Sullivan and Morgan, attorneys for Stephens.

Stephens, who is the son of a prominent cattleman, shot and killed Robert Miller in Prescott about two years ago. He was convicted of first degree murder after one of the most interesting and lurid trials in the history of this jurisdiction. The case was appealed to the supreme court and by that tribunal sent back to the superior court for a new trial on the basis of technical errors.

An indictment was also presented against Joseph W. Stephens, father of the young man. He secured an early change of venue to the Coconino court and that case has not come up yet for trial. The petition for the change in the Harry Early Stephens case set out that the community was so prejudiced against the defendant that it would be impossible to find a jury capable of giving him a fair trial.

DEATH OF MRS. RALPH FAIR. Mrs. Ella M. Fair passed away at her home on Birch avenue last Saturday evening after a short illness, of heart failure. Mrs. Fair has been afflicted with heart trouble for a number of years and the last attack proved too much for her failing strength, and she fell asleep surrounded by her loved ones.

Mrs. Fair was a lovable, motherly woman whose life was devoted to her loved ones and her home and during the years she lived in Flagstaff, had endeared herself to many, who will grieve with the family in the loss of the beloved one.

Mrs. Fair was born March 9, 1865, was married to Ralph Fair December 29th, 1885, and passed this life on March 22d, 1919. She leaves beside her husband Albert C. Fair, of this city, Neil B. Fair, now of Long Beach, California; Leigh D. Fair, who recently returned from France; Grace Fair-Hochderfer, of Kendrick Park.

Owing to the great difficulty in reaching the daughter, Mrs. Grace Hochderfer of Kendrick Park, the funeral of the heavy snows, the funeral was postponed until yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services were held at the Marlar chapel, conducted by Rev. O. S. Baum, and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery here. The family have the sincere sympathy of many good friends in their great loss.

### DELINQUENT INCOME TAXPAYERS.

Delinquent income tax payers are given another boost toward giving their uncle the money. Mr. Wilson of the Arizona Central Bank has received the following letter from Revenue Agent Garcin:

"Dear Mr. Wilson: I shall be in Flagstaff on Friday and Saturday, the 28th and 29th of this month, particularly for the purpose of receiving income tax returns from the 'stragglers,' and from those who may not have been supplied with the necessary blank forms prior to March 15th, the final date set for receiving returns.

"Sincerely yours,  
"JOHN GARCIN,  
"Revenue Agent."

INJURED BY GAS EXPLOSION. Charles Pierce was blown across the boiler room at the Normal school Tuesday morning when he attempted to light the boilers. He was considerably burned, but most of the damage was done him in being blown across the room. Dr. Fronske was called quickly to attend him and found no serious burns, though Pierce will be laid up for some time. This is the second time a similar accident has happened from an accumulation of gas under the boilers.

Neil Fair, who was called home by the death of his mother the first of the week, is now located at Long Beach, where he has recently secured a soft drink concession along the sea shore and is doing a rushing business.

Reports received from W. H. Anderson, who is in Los Angeles, say that his condition is precarious, and that there is little hope for his recovery. His death is expected hourly.

## WOULD STILL IMPROVE COCONINO'S POTATOES

### Seed Potatoes Should Be Dipped Before They Are Planted.

The Coconino County Farm Bureau, under the leadership of Delore Nichols, is working hard and enthusiastically to better the potato crop of this county. In the letterheads of the bureau are the words: "Seed Treated and Tested." They mean that the Bureau stands for the treatment of all seed potatoes, and that an effort is being made to encourage and persuade every farmer in the county to dip his seed before planting.

Those who dipped last year realized several advantages and a bit of profit from controlling the potato diseases. "It sure pays, and every farmer should dip his seed."

Last year 324 acres were treated. Up to the present time enough material has been ordered to treat over 1,000 acres, which fact speaks for itself. It takes only a little time, the cost is small, and it gives results. Ask the man who treated his last year.

The name of every farmer in Coconino county who plants potatoes should this year be added to the list of those who dip the seed before planting. If you have treated and know the benefits derived encourage your friends to fall in line. If you have not heretofore treated do it this year. It helps to pay off debts.

Big money returns cannot be expected from one treatment, but the difference in profits will be sufficiently noticeable to warrant the grower in dipping ever afterward. Dipping will give a better yield and prevents disease from spreading from one plot to another in the soil. It leaves a smooth and glossy well colored skin on the tubers. It makes them more attractive to the buyer, and leaves them free from dirt.

### WELCOMING LITTLE NEW-COMERS.

The coming of spring weather has already resulted in a number of new faces in the city. The choice of Flagstaff as a place of residence during the coming summer months speaks well for the town and the judgment of the newcomers. May their ranks grow in volume is our wish. The quality could not be improved upon, if you take the word of those in whose homes the visitors are. At least seven who arrived during the last week have come to our attention. Five of them are stopping in the homes of Americans, and two have chosen Mexican families to be the favored ones. The rush does not generally start this early in the year. About half of the newcomers are girls and about half boys. They are all doing nicely.

### CHARLES JONES WINS SCHOLARSHIP.

Judge J. E. Jones is much pleased to learn from his son Charles, who has been on duty in France for the past year, that he has been selected as one of the two thousand men of the two million, to take a course in the Sarbonne University at Paris.

Charles has been relieved of all military duty and will take a course consisting of language (French), history and law. Since Charles was well grounded in the principles of American law and had been admitted to the bar here, the course will be of especial value to him, and his friends here will be glad to learn of his selection because of merit.

Mrs. Hugh Tillman has been very sick practically all week with the ever present "flu."

### JUST CLOTHES TO WEAR.

All the Pacific Division of the Red Cross asks Flagstaff to donate in the way of old clothes for Belgian relief, is two tons of old clothing. Since spring is right here on the ragged edge some place, it is believed that the shedding off process will aid materially in gathering this amount of cast off garments for the sufferers. The last drive called for one ton, and just to make good the Red Cross chapter here gathered up two tons, consequently headquarters thought the people could do it again. Remember, the people over there are not going to be too finicky about long as they are clean—they just want clothes to wear.

## CAPT. GUTHRIE NOW ORDERED TO SIBERIA

A short time ago it was officially announced that Captain John D. Guthrie, formerly Forest Supervisor of the Coconino National Forest, had been ordered on special duty to Roumania. He is now ordered to go to Russia instead. Major Woolsey, he mentions, was also at one time connected with the Coconino National Forest.

Tours, France, March 1, 1919. E. S. Breen, Flagstaff, Ariz.

Enclosed shows how the A. E. F. feels about the chevrons or service stripes. Thought you'd be interested. Things change quick in this man's army. Didn't go to Roumania; all that work called off, and now I'm scheduled to leave here on March 3d for England, and thence to Archangel, Russia. Guess that's going some.

Will go to England to get outfitted. There are a couple of companies of engineers going up and some British troops also. May be in England for several weeks. I'm glad, as I'd like to see more of that country; didn't see very much of it in the fall of 1917. Will go via North Cape, north of Norway, and 70 degrees inside of the Arctic Circle.

It isn't so hellish cold, they say, at Archangel. I probably won't be there but a short time, as it seems orders are from Secy. B. that all A. E. F. are to leave Russia pronto.

Woolsey is up for promotion to Lt. Col. He certainly has it coming from the job he has been handling and the responsibility attached to it. He negotiated with the French for all the timber being cut in France, and it was no easy job.

I enjoyed my three weeks in Paris very much even if the Roumanian trip did fall through.

I ought to be back in the United States by May or June if nothing happens to prevent it.

With best wishes to you and all of my Flagstaff friends, I am,  
Hurriedly yours,

JNO. D. GUTHRIE,  
Capt. Engrs., U. S. A., Division C. and F., Tours, France.

Word comes from Fort Bliss, Texas, that Corporal T. S. Schwalbe will roll into Flagstaff most any day now. It is probable that by the time he is already in possession of his discharge. This good news to many here was contained in a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins is at present out of town on business. Mrs. Hopkins got back on Wednesday night from a trip to California points.

Tony Montana, a member of the force of the Greenlaw Lumber company's store at Cliffs, spent the last week-end in Flagstaff.

## DEAD BODY OF CHARLES HUBBELL FOUND IN BURNED RUINS OF POST

### Meagre Evidence Tends to Belief That Hubbell Was Murdered By Navajo Indians.

Charles Hubbell, the well-known Indian trader, was found dead last Sunday in the burned ruins of his trading post on the Indian Reservation some forty-five miles northeast of Flagstaff.

The body of Hubbell was found burned beyond recognition, the head and limbs being burned to a crisp, with only the trunk of the body partly intact.

A couple of Indians camped about a mile from the post say they saw the light of the burning building reflected on their teepee, and went over there Friday morning and found the smoking ruins. They notified whites at the nearest school and at Oraibi.

Sheriff Jack Harrington, County Attorney Gold and Judge Kidd went out from Winslow and reached the scene of the crime on Monday night. They discovered that the body was lying in the ruins about where he kept his Indian silver and cash drawer, but they were unable to find any trace of melted silver, which led them to believe that it had been taken.

Indian trailers were put on the trail and in cutting for sign around the burned building, picked up the tracks of two men; they claimed from the shape and size of the moccasins tracks that the men were Navajos. They trailed the footprints to some grease-

wood bushes, where they found the men had got on horses. From there the trail led northward for about ten miles to a dry lake bottom, where a number of other horse tracks obliterated the trail, but eventually the Indian trailers picked up tracks coming from the lake bed, showing that five horses had come out and had started north toward the Navajo reservation. Two white cowboys and the Indians were still on the trail when officers returned Tuesday.

From the condition in which the body was found, it was impossible to tell whether murder had been committed first and the store burned afterwards, or not, but there is a strong suspicion that it was the work of some renegade Indians, who knew that Hubbell had considerable silver and Indian jewelry on hand for trading purposes, as well as some that was being held in pawn for the Indians.

Mr. Hubbell has run trading posts on Indian reservations for a great many years, and is a brother of former Senator Lorenzo Hubbell, who has a large trading post and other interests at Ganado, Apache County.

There is some question as to whether the trading post was on the reservation land or not, and as to whether it is in Navajo or Coconino counties, as it is very close to the county line.

## RHINEHART FURNISHES EXCITEMENT.

There is no man in Flagstaff of a more obliging nature than R. F. Rhinehart of the Forest Service. Last Saturday morning, when he was told that the newspapers of the town were deteriorating because of his good behavior, thus depriving them of a legitimate source of news, he immediately went out the front door hunting trouble to oblige. As he got out of the door he stepped on a sidewalk covered with ice. He found what he was looking for. Rhinehart's movements on that slippery walk will cause comments for days to come. It seemed his intention to go four ways of the compass and up and down all at the same time. In the language of Witmer, one leg said to the other, "you go your way and I'll go mine." Rhinehart said—but the least said is soonest mended. After traveling about ten miles without getting from in front of the door, he coordinated his efforts and reached the shore safely. Later in the morning he had recovered sufficiently to buy a through ticket to Riorodon with berth in the sleeper and stopover privileges. Mr. Rhinehart told us that we could find a blue print of the affair at the scene of action, but we later discovered that he carried the blue print away with him, on his person as you might say.

### NORTH DAKOTA VISITORS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rager, of New Rockford, N. D., were the guests of Dr. E. S. Miller a couple of days the first of the week. Mrs. Rager is a sister of Dr. Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Rager have been visiting on the coast for several weeks, and stopped off here on a short visit after having visited the Grand Canyon. It took them some time before they were sure that Dr. Miller was not traveling under an assumed name. "Why," his sister said, "they call him Mr. Babbitt about as often as they do Dr. Miller." The doctor avows they never make that mistake when he is writing a check.

### Auto Speeders Receiving Attention.

That fellow Neill, who is doing the city marshaling for Flagstaff, seems to have got a fool notion in his head that people should be hauled up before his honor, Judge Gilliland, every time they break a city ordinance by exceeding the speed limit with their autos. Several during the week have gone up to make their peace with the judge and came away with the avowed intention of watching that feller Neill and not speed up while he is in sight.

### Lieut. Ed Wolfe Back on the Job.

E. A. Wolfe, of Flagstaff, succeeds F. R. Goodman as state division engineer and will rush the Prescott-Jerome highway to completion, upon which over sixty men are now reported to be at work.—Phoenix Courier.

### Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona

Section 1. That section 30, of chapter 5, of the laws of the second special session of the second legislature of the state of Arizona, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 30. Application for Lease. All state lands shall be subject to lease, as in this act provided, but no state lands shall be leased for a longer term than twenty years, provided, that when any state land is leased for a term exceeding five years, then such lease shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, the public land code, and the rules and regulations of the state land department, of the state of Arizona; and the rental of the same shall be subject to re-appraisal and re-adjustment at the end of each five year period of such lease. All applications for lease shall be made on blank forms to be prepared and furnished by the commissioner and shall be signed and sworn to by the applicant and filed

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## NO THREE CENT FARES IN STATE

Again, they have dealt to Arizona from the bottom of the deck.

Three cent passenger fares on railroads in the state of Arizona, the announcement of the granting of which was received so joyously a day or two ago, are not to be a reality, at any rate there is a provision to it that makes the three cent fare extremely doubtful.

The bomb that burst the hopes of lower fares in Arizona came in the form of the following:

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Flat increases to three cents a mile of all passenger rates which become effective April 1, will not affect fares in excess of that amount where conditions show that higher fares are justified, local officials of the United States railway administration said here tonight.

Previously it had been published that fares more than three cents a mile would be reduced to the three cent minimum.

### MENS CLUB PLAN FOR RETURNING SOLDIERS.

The men's club of the federated church, plans something large and interesting for the returned service men. On the evening of April 8, at the Presbyterian church, at 6:30 there will be a banquet to which every returned soldier and sailor are invited. The ladies of the church will assist in the preparation and the serving of the good things. Eats, music and other things sure to be enjoyed are mentioned as being on the program. It is expected that about 100 people will be on hand.

No invitations will be issued, but it is the plan of the men to see in person that every returned soldier and sailor is present. It is likely that unless the boys themselves help, some will be missed, but every effort will be made to see all, and the boys will be doing the club a favor if they will aid in getting in touch with each and every individual.

### WILL MISS HIS FAMILIAR FACE.

After a service extending over a period of fifteen years, W. S. Carlos is giving up his duties at the court house on the first of the month. The visitor to the county headquarters will miss one of its familiar faces in the future, and the offices will feel the absence of Carlos and his services. Mr. Carlos goes to his ranch near Turley Tank, about two miles north of Winslow. He says the children are going to school and the girls have married, so he must go and help his sweetheart for a while.

### Episcopal Church Services.

Next Sunday morning at the Church of the Epiphany, will be conducted the regular service of morning worship at the hour of eleven. The sermon delivered by Rev. Luther Moore will be upon the theme "How to Keep Christians Saved." You are earnestly invited to worship.